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the Greek Bible. At the same time that we see how much remains to be done we gain a vision of the glory of the whole.

The translator has acquitted himself of his task in an admirable manner.

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The Christian Doctrine of Immortality. By PROFESSOR S. D. F. SALMOND, D.D., United Free Church College, Aberdeen, Scotland. Fourth Edition, revised throughout and reset. New York: Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, 1901. Pp. 565. \$3.50.

The first edition of this work was printed in 1895, only six years ago. Its sale has therefore been unusually large; and this is the more remarkable since it is thoroughly conservative and has no sensational features. The demand for Dr. Salmond's book shows that there is a wide interest in the subject which it treats, but still more it shows the appreciation of the public for a work of solid, careful scholarship. The author is known to the religious world as one of the ablest and most cautious scholars whom Scotland has produced in this generation, and it is such teachers whom the mass of men wish and should wish to hear. Works of radical criticism or great originality have their uses among scholars, but the people need to be led forward slowly and with care. Such a volume as this is of the widest use and service to both scholars and people. In the six years since its publication it has won high praise from those best fitted to judge of its qualities, and it seems generally recognized as the first work upon its subject which the English student will take up, because of its survey of extra-biblical ideas of immortality and its very helpful discussion of the teaching of the Old and New Testaments, with its concluding treatment of present-day thought concerning the future life.

This fourth edition of Dr. Salmond's book has been revised, and reset in a smaller type which reduces the volume from 730 to 565 pages. The latest literature has been duly considered and referred to. One cannot discover that large changes have been made at any point, such as the addition of new material or the reversal of opinions previously held. (And, by the way, is it not a courtesy or aid due both reviewers and the public for the author of a new edition to indicate the pages particularly affected by the revision?) But the retouching at many points has improved the work. A brief note has been added

to the appendix on "1 Peter 3:18-22 and the Jewish Literature." One cannot count himself well informed upon the Christian doctrine of immortality who is not familiar with this masterly volume upon the subject.

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The Church (Ecclesia). By GEORGE DANA BOARDMAN, D.D., LL.D. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1901. Pp. xi+221. \$2.

The author considers his subject under three main heads: "The Church as a Primitive Society," "The Church as a Modern Problem," "The Church as a Divine Ideal." In discussing these subjects, Dr. Boardman writes with the precision and force which we have learned to expect in all his work. The volume gives evidence of wide reading and original insight. It would be difficult to express the non-ecclesiastical character of the primitive church in clearer language than does Part I, or to surpass the catholicity of Part II. It is to be feared that Dr. Boardman's irenicon will hardly fuse Baptists and Pædobaptists, but it is a tribute to his breadth of sympathy. His discussion of the ideal church is perhaps less distinct than other parts of his volume, but this is in a measure due to the nature of the subject. While not presenting itself as a technical treatise, therefore, the volume is a stimulating exposition of a subject that will always be of importance for the thoughtful Christian.

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